

**AGENDA**  
**Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners**  
**County Board Room, County Building**  
**Wednesday, June 6, 2012, 10:00 A.M.**  
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**COMMISSIONERS**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**ITEM #1**

Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by

LARRY SUFFREDIN, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board Commissioners

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title I, Chapter 8, Section 1-8-2 of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code is hereby enacted as follows:

**1-8-2: - CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.**

S. *Responsible bidder for bids for construction, maintenance, and repair of public works* shall mean a bidder who meets all of the job specifications, the following applicable criteria, and submits evidence of such compliance:

1. All applicable laws prerequisite to doing business in the State of Illinois.
2. Evidence of compliance with:
  - (a) Federal Employer Tax Identification Number or Social Security Number (for individuals);
  - (b) Provision of Section 2000 (E) of Chapter 21, Title 42 of the United States Code and Federal Executive Order No. 11246 as amended by Executive Order No. 11375 (known as the Equal Opportunity Employer Provisions).
3. Certificates of insurance indicating the following coverage; general liability, workers compensation, completed operation, automobile, hazardous occupation, product liability and professional liability insurance.
4. Compliance with all provisions of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act, including wages, medical and hospitalization insurance, and retirement for those trades covered in the Act.
5. For contracts over \$150,000, A active apprenticeship and training programs approved and registered with the United States Department of Labor Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training for each of the trades of work contemplated under the awarded contract for all bidders and subcontractors.

**COMMISSIONERS (continued)**

**ITEM #1 cont'd**

6. Certified payrolls as specified in 820 ILCS 130/5 for all contractors and subcontractors.

For purposes of this Section 1-8-2 S., the terms "public works" and "construction" shall have the meanings set forth in the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act, 820 ILCS 130/2. Moreover, it is expressly understood that the term "public works" shall not include snow removal, landscaping, tree trimming, and tree removal unless such activities are done in conjunction with, or in preparation for, new construction or the repair, maintenance, assembly or disassembly of equipment owned or leased by the District.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ITEM #2**

Real Estate.....	Meeting of May 14, 2012
Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee.....	Meeting of June 6, 2012
Rules & Administration.....	Meeting of June 6, 2012
Finance.....	Meeting of June 6, 2012

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**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**

**ANNOUNCEMENT  
GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION  
CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT**

**ITEM #3**

Transmitting a Communication dated June 6, 2012 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

The Forest Preserve District is proud to announce that the Finance and Administration Department has been awarded the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010. Certificates of Achievement for Excellence in financial reporting are presented by the GFOA of the United States and Canada to government units and Public Employee Retirement Systems whose Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports (CAFR's) achieve the highest standards in government accounting and financial reporting.

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)**

**PROPOSED AGREEMENT ADDENDUM  
SENTINEL TECHNOLOGIES INC.**

**ITEM #4**

Transmitting a Communication dated June 6, 2012 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the District to increase by \$120,000.00, Contract No. 08-41-247 with Sentinel Technologies Inc., Chicago, Illinois to provide on-site engineering services for computer hardware and software maintenance Districtwide. The District participates in the Cook County contract with Sentinel Technologies, Inc.

Board approved amount: (3-2-11)	\$144,880.00
Previous increase approved: (2-2-12)	70,000.00
This increase requested:	<u>120,000.00</u>
Adjusted amount:	\$334,880.00

Reason: The District wishes to take advantage of the County/Sentinel contract.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$120,000.00. (019900-620090 Other Professional Services Account).

Districtwide

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**PROPOSED CONTRACT  
FREEWAY FORD FLEET**

**ITEM #5**

Transmitting a Communication dated June 6, 2012 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the District to purchase Eighteen (18) Ford F150 Pick-up Trucks from Freeway Ford Fleet, Lyons, Illinois, to replace Eighteen (18) trucks which will be taken out of active service. This equipment will be used Districtwide.

Reason: Freeway Ford Fleet, Lyons, Illinois is currently in a Joint Purchase Agreement with Suburban Purchasing Cooperative. These vehicles have been reviewed and approved for purchase by the District's Vehicle Steering Committee on May 17, 2012.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$400,000.00 Contract period: November 12, 2010 through June 15, 2012. (090200-660051 Vehicles and Trucks Account).

Districtwide

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)**

**PROPOSED CONTRACT ADDENDUM  
NEXT DOOR MULTIMEDIA**

**ITEM #6**

Transmitting a Communication dated June 6, 2012 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Purchasing Agent to increase by \$20,000.00 and extend from July 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012, Contract No. 10-80-013 with Next Door Multimedia (NDM), Oak Park, Illinois for professional services, specifically content management of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County website, [www.fpdcc.com](http://www.fpdcc.com). Content management services include posting/editing content; graphic design, image manipulation and page layout; and telephone and email support.

Board approved amount (11-26-10)	\$ 57,700.00
Increase requested: (9-8-11)	\$ 18,000.00
Purchased Order Increase requested: (4-26-12)	\$ 5,000.00
Increase requested:	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
Adjusted amount:	\$100,700.00

Reason: The Forest Preserve District originally received Board authorization to enter into an agreement with NDM on November 4, 2010. They designed and developed the current Forest Preserve District site, and have been providing content management support since that time. A contract increase was approved at the Board meeting on September 8, 2011. Current contract expires June 30, 2012. The District would like to maintain the continuity of NDM's service through the end of the 2012, when the contract will be re-evaluated.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$20,000.00. Contract extension: July 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 (019900-680020 Education Awareness Account).

Districtwide

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**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH  
COUNTY OF COOK FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS,  
RISK MANAGEMENT AND PRINT SERVICES.**

**ITEM #7**

Transmitting a Communication dated June 6 2012 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the District to enter into and execute an intergovernmental agreement with the County of Cook for services provided to the District which include, Intergovernmental Relations Services, Risk Management Services and Print Services.

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)**

**ITEM #7 cont'd**

Reason: To provide payment to the County for services provided to the District by the County.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$240,000.00 per annum. Intergovernmental Agreement period: Retroactive from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2013. Agreement shall automatically renew for additional one-year terms unless otherwise terminated. (011000-680024 and 011000-680024 General Office Accounts and 019900-620090 District Wide Services Account).

Districtwide

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**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT  
COUNTY OF COOK ON BEHALF  
OF THE COOK COUNTY SHERIFF**

**ITEM #8**

Transmitting a Communication dated June 6 2012 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the District to enter into and execute an intergovernmental agreement with the County of Cook, on behalf of the Cook County Sheriff to administer the operation of the Cook County 9-1-1 system.

Reason: To provide payment for the services including, but not limited to call taking, dispatching and radio monitoring, provided by the Cook County Emergency Telephone Systems Board, 24 hours, 7 days a week.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$250,000.00 per annum. Intergovernmental Agreement period: Retroactive from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2013. Agreement shall automatically renew for additional one-year terms unless otherwise terminated. (015600-690035 Law Enforcement Account)

Districtwide

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**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT  
AND APPROVAL OF PAYMENT  
UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

**ITEM #9**

Transmitting a Communication dated June 6, 2012 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)**

**ITEM #9 cont'd**

requesting authorization for the District to enter into and execute an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) and approve the disbursement of payment for the purpose of procuring inspections, assessments, repair and maintenance recommendations, and preliminary design for existing dams, water control structures, and associated improvements.

Reason: The District needs to assess the condition of approximately 50 dams, water control structures, and associated improvements on our property. The Army Corps of Engineers has the expertise and the capacity to assist the District in assessing the condition of the structures provided the District can provide the funding for this work. The Army Corps of Engineers will contribute matching funding as part of their Section 22 Planning Assistance to State program. They require the match to be paid at the time the project begins.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$250,000.00 (\$250,000.00 matching funding will be provided by ACOE). Intergovernmental Agreement period: June 11, 2012 to August 31, 2013. (598000-620040, 60800-620040, 618000-620040 and 528000-620040 Construction & Development Fund, General Consulting Services Accounts).

Districtwide

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**REPORT  
AUDIT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011**

**ITEM #10**

Transmitting a Communication dated June 6, 2012 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

submitting herewith a copy of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2011. The audit was issued with an unqualified opinion, which means the independent auditors believe the District's financial records and statements are fairly and appropriately presented.

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**REPORT  
SCIENCE & RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM**

**ITEM #11**

Transmitting a Communication dated June 6, 2012 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

## **OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)**

### **ITEM #11 cont'd**

The Forest Preserve District hosted its first Science & Research Symposium on April 19, 2012 at Lincoln Park Zoo's Café Brauer. More than 250 people were in attendance to hear 24 researchers (each allowed seven (7) minutes) to share the results of their work.

By all measures the symposium was successful at bringing together fellow researchers, university partners, students, and volunteers and highlighting the variety of important research taking place in the Preserves.

On April 19, 2012 more than 250 people filled the Great Hall of Lincoln Park Zoo's historic Café Brauer for the scientific equivalent of speed dating. In all, 24 researchers were allowed only seven minutes each to share the results of their research. This unique format allowed for the maximum diversity of people to present their work; and assembled for the first time in one place a wide representation of the projects conducted either in the forest preserves or using data collected by forest preserve staff. Many presenters showcased their innovative work in the growing field of urban ecology. Stan Gehrt of Ohio State University discussed the Cook County Coyote Project, collaboration between the FPD Wildlife Ecology Section led by Chris Anchor, and others. The study is the longest (11 years) and largest (570 animals tracked and counting) coyote study in the country.

Paula Porubcan of the Illinois State Archaeological Survey, who discovered prehistoric artifacts on several forest preserve sites, called the preserves of Cook County one of "the best and only opportunities to retrieve information about prehistoric peoples of northeast Illinois."

Several researchers discussed their tracking of disease in wild animals, which in some cases has been used as a kind of early warning system for diseases that could also affect humans.

Scientists also held forth on mushroom surveys, tick studies, ecological restoration, Blanding's turtles, raccoons, disease research and many other topics. While they gave a sense of the breadth of research that the forest preserves make possible, they represent only a selection of the important and valuable research in the preserves.

The post-symposium survey results revealed that more than 96% of respondents liked the diversity of topics over a single focused theme; more than 86% liked the speed presenting format; 95% thought the discussion breaks and symposium length was just right, and 99.2% would attend another symposium!

Deserving credit and special thanks for helping make the symposium a great success are our venue partner Lincoln Park Zoo who graciously donated the event space; and our steering committee members, who are leaders in the thriving and ever expanding field of urban ecology, for providing their time and excellent counsel - Dr. Joel Brown, University of Illinois at Chicago; Dr. Michael Bryson, Roosevelt University; Dr. Stan Gehrt, Ohio State University; Dr. Liam Heneghan, DePaul University; Dr. Thomas Meehan, Brookfield Zoo; Dr. Greg Mueller, Chicago Botanic Garden; Judy Pollock, Audubon Chicago Region; Dr. Steve Thompson, Lincoln Park Zoo; and Dr. Lynne Westphal, U.S. Forest Service.

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**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)**

**REQUEST TO AMEND PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM  
PAVEMENT SYSTEMS INC. CONTRACT**

**ITEM #12**

Transmitting a Communication dated June 6, 2012 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board Commissioners to amend Communication No. 12FINA0062, which was previously approved at the April 4, 2012 Board Meeting in the Finance Committee Report of April 4, 2012. This change request reflects no change in the total fiscal impact authorized by the County Board; it is a request for authorization to expend funds from an account where additional funding for these projects was identified.

The underscored language indicates the amendment.

12FINA0062

Transmitting a Communication dated April 4, 2012 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Purchasing Agent to enter into a contract with Pavement Systems Inc., where principal place of business is located in Blue Island, IL, for parking lot resurfacing at Yankee Woods, Bur Oak, Rubio Woods, Bachelors Grove & Elizabeth Conkey Forest South.

Contract Number 12-80-01 This Contract consists of removal and replacement of 5 parking lots. Work includes Hot-Mix Binder Course, Hot-Mix Surface Course, Sewer Repairs, Striping, and other related incidental work necessary to complete this improvement according to plans, Standard Specifications and Detail Specifications. Pavement Systems was the lowest responsive and responsible of eight (8) bidders.

Sealed bids were received, opened and publicly read at the Bid Opening on March 7, 2012. The Forest Preserve District of Cook County staff requests approval to award a contract to Pavement Systems Inc.

The bid results were as follows:

<b>1. Pavement Systems Inc.</b>	<b>\$737,630.00</b>
2. J & R, 1 <sup>st</sup> in Asphalt	\$744,940.00
3. Accu – Paving	\$790,057.00
4. Crowley-Sheppard	\$777,265.00
5. Alpha Paving	\$787,244.50
6. Matthew Paving	\$787,811.50
7. Allstar Asphalt	\$820,067.00
8. ChicagoLand	\$853,250.00

Pavement Systems Inc. is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)**

**ITEM #12 cont'd**

The Forest Preserve District's Chief Financial Officer has reviewed and approved the proposed expenditures.

It is the goal of the District to achieve 25% MBE and 5% WBE vendor participation in all contracts. However, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder has not indicated direct MBE/WBE participation in the Bid Proposal.

Board Approval to solicit bids: January 19, 2012  
Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$737,630.00

Contract Period: April 4, 2012 through August 24, 2012.

Construction & Development Parking Project account numbers: 598000-670057, 608000-670057, 618000-670057 and 528000-670057.

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**UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**ITEM #13**

**May 12<sup>th</sup> – October  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Weather Permitting**

**Chicago Botanic Garden**

Since 1999 the Model Railroad Garden has delighted visitors of all ages as they watch 15 classic G gauge model trains crossing bridges and trestles and pass through miniature scenes of American's best-loved landmarks, all handcrafted from natural materials.

**June 2<sup>nd</sup> – September  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Weather Permitting**

**Butterflies & Blooms**

Chicago Botanic Garden

A new exhibit in 2012, Butterflies & Blooms immerses visitors in a habitat filled with plants and hundreds of live butterfly species from around the world. Visitors can observe butterflies as they hatch, learn about nectar plants as well as the role of butterflies as pollinators.

**June 6<sup>th</sup>  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Daley Center Plaza - Live Health Discover Nature**

Discover all the great things that are happening in the Forest Preserve this summer! FPDCC staff will bring in animals and information about nature centers, about special family fun events, about volunteering, about our hiking and biking trails and other outdoor activities. Partners like the zoo, Botanic Garden, Billy Casper Golf and others will also be on hand to talk about their programming and activities. At noon drummers and dancers from the American Indian Center will perform. When individuals sign up for the FPDCC newsletter they can draw a prize from buttons, to compasses, to zoo passes, swimming passes and more.

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)**

**ITEM #13 cont'd**

**June 9<sup>th</sup>  
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Beaubien Woods Celebration**

Beaubien Woods, I94 & Doty Ave, Chicago, IL

Celebrate all things outdoors at Beaubien Woods. Come out and fish, learn about canoeing, build with natural materials, take a hike and more! Free and family-friendly. Presented in partnership with Fishin' Buddies, Field Museum, IDNR, Eden Place and others.

**June 10<sup>th</sup>  
9 a.m. to noon**

**Commissioner Timothy O. Schneider's Fishing Derby**

Busse Woods, Grove #25, Golf & Higgins, Elk Grove Village, IL

Celebrate a summer day of fishing at Busse Woods with family and friends. Bring your gear and fish for fantastic prizes. No fishing license needed during Illinois Free Fishing days. Register at Cabela's or call 847.645.0400 or email [tim.schneider@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:tim.schneider@cookcountyil.gov).

**June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>  
Noon to 6 p.m.**

**Taste of Mexico**

Chicago Botanic Garden

This exciting weekend showcases Mexico's rich heritage with tastings of the country's best drinks and traditional dishes. Hear regional live music and watch cooking demonstrations on the entertainment stage.

**June 26<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.**

**Films in the Forest—Red Tails**

Kickapoo Woods, 144<sup>th</sup> and Halsted, Riverdale

Celebrate the new walking trail at Kickapoo and check out model airplane flights then at dusk watch the 2012 release about the African-American pilots of the experimental Tuskegee training program. Just as the young Tuskegee men are on the brink of being shut down and shipped back home, they are given the ultimate chance to show their courage. Against all the odds, with something to prove and everything to lose, these intrepid young airmen take to the skies to fight for their country - and the fate of the free world.

**July 6<sup>th</sup> – July 8<sup>th</sup>  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**Art Festival**

Chicago Botanic Garden

Stroll and shop among 80 juried artists selling paintings, hand-blown glass objects, jewelry, sculpture, photography and more – all reflecting a botanical theme. There will also be interactive demonstrations and family activities.